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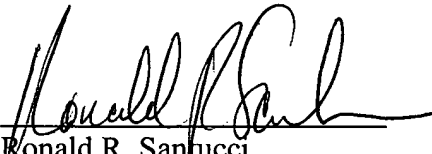
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## Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

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## Foreign Applications

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## Title

Device for maneuvering a suspended blind

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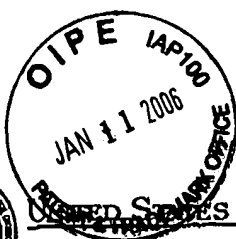
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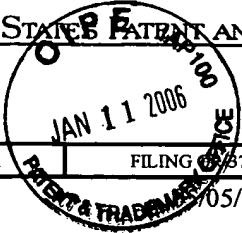
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